

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Final Office Action dated April 30, 2008. Reconsideration and allowance of the application in view of the amendments provided above and the remarks to follow are respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 3-15 are currently pending in the Application.

Claims 2-3 are canceled herein, without prejudice. Applicants furthermore reserve the right to reintroduce subject matter deleted herein at a later time during the prosecution of this application or continuing applications.


Applicants have canceled claims 2-3 without prejudice. The subject matter indicated as allowable in these claims has been incorporated into independent claim 1. Further, the subject matter indicated as allowable in claim 4 is incorporated into claim 15. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 1 and 15 be allowed. Further, claims 4-14 depend from claim 1 and are allowable for at least this reason as well as for the separately patentable elements contained therein. Accordingly, it is respectfully requested that claims 4-14 also be allowed. A continuation application and preliminary amendment, directed to the subject matter covered by further subject matter of the application

will be filed to continue the prosecution of the further subject matter after receipt of a Notice of Allowance.

In addition, Applicants deny any statement, position or averment of the Examiner that is not specifically addressed by the foregoing argument and response. Any rejections and/or points of argument not addressed would appear to be moot in view of the presented remarks. However, the Applicants reserve the right to submit further arguments in support of the above stated position, should that become necessary. No arguments are waived and none of the Examiner's statements are conceded.

Applicants have made a diligent and sincere effort to place this application in condition for immediate allowance and notice to this effect is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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